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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Thursday's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the holiday weekend. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were balanced for the lighter weight eggs and fully adequate to ample on the larger sizes. Breaking stock demand was light to good for closely balanced to tight offerings. Schedules were noted as normal to heavy. Spent hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for a light to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as mostly full-time for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand for both cartoned and loose shell eggs remained light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for the larger sizes and balanced for the lighter weights.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	50-59	53-56				
LARGE	49-58	51-54	LARGE	31-40	35	
MEDIUM	44-53	46-49	MEDIUM	26-32	30	
			SMALL	10-14		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady entering the holiday weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were in close balance to about sufficient for normal to heavy schedules. Demand was reported as moderate to good. Spent hen supplies were at least adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-74	60-63
LARGE	53-67	58-62
MEDIUM	46-59	51-53

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for the larger sizes and balanced for mediums. Central states breaking stock were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were tight to close. Schedules fulltime. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59.5-68	61-64
LARGE	55.5-64	57-60
MEDIUM	50.5-59	52-55

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to usually moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available on the larger sizes and balanced on lighter weights. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for mostly normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56.5-64	58-61
LARGE	55-62	56-59
MEDIUM	48-56	49-53

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to yesterday's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were about adequate to available for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	67-71
LARGE	65-69
MEDIUM	58-62

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57-65	58-60
LARGE	55-63	56-58
MEDIUM	50-58	51-53

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WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were unchanged on jumbo through mediums, throughout the region. Trade sentiments were about steady. Retailer demand was moderate, best to cover scattered feature activities. Offerings were generally ample for full needs.

CALIFORNIA Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand was light to moderate with best interest where featured. Offerings were ample. Small benchmark price 70.

CALIFORNIA Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	113
EXTRA LARGE	105
LARGE	94
MEDIUM	90

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-329
EXTRA LARGE	249-299
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	189-195

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	85-95
EXTRA LARGE	83-93
LARGE	81-84
MEDIUM	77-80

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight to barely adequate and held confidently. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were tight to balanced for current full-time schedules. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	27-30	29-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	15-22	17-19
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly steady. Demand was moderate to good, but not aggressive. Floor stocks were in close balance to about sufficient for normal to heavy processing schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 30-Sep-2006 were unchanged from the previous week, but 6% lower than a year earlier.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	26-30	26-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-25	15-18
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -W/E 30-Sep-06
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,307,563	32,450	11,637	5,963	2,260	4,368
PW	1,299,085	33,054	11,861	6,170	2,516	4,402
LY	1,430,365	34,118	13,211	7,041	3,351	4,774
% PW	1%	-2%	-2%	-3%	-10%	-1%
% LY	-9%	-5%	-12%	-15%	-33%	-9%
2006	50,556,117	1,240,652	473,250	250,296	112,398	170,336
2005	51,122,730	1,204,893	500,648	268,087	114,609	172,607
% YTD	-1%	3%	-5%	-7%	-2%	-1%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	41.62	42.71	41.35
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	38.28	39.32	38.01

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	581,736	44.5%	16,326	50.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	580,781	44.7%	16,606	50.2%
LAST YEAR	625,091	43.7%	16,075	47.1%

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites were too few to report with pasteurized salt yolk reported at 31.5 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and fully steady to instances firm for yolk. Offerings were adequate for all liquid products. Demand was fair for whole egg, fairly good for whites, and good for yolk. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	25	25.5-30	27.10	2.56
WHITES	28	22-33.5	29.01	1.68
YOLKS	11	32.5-34	32.95	1.07

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged 1 cent higher with whites unchanged to 1 cent higher. Sugared and salted yolk ranged irregular. Trade sentiment was steady for all frozen products with the exception of salted yolk which was reported as barely steady. Demand was fairly good for whole egg and whites, good for sugared yolk, and continued sluggish for salted yolk. Offerings were adequate for all frozen products. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	40-47	40-42
WHITES	44-52	45-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-54	50-52
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-51	45-48

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on sugar yolks, unchanged to higher on salt yolk and balance of items were mostly unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair on whole and whites, and irregular on yolk. Supplies were adequate for most needs. Undertone was showing some improvement, but was still mostly steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 30-Sep-2006 were 8 % less than the previous week, and 8 % lower than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	38-47	40-44	43-51
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	41-52	41-45	48-55
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-53	50-52	56-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	44-51	45-48	51-65

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices mixed. Whole was firm, whites fully steady, sugared yolks steady and salted yolks about steady. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 9/30 was unchanged from the previous week. Frozen demand was moderate. Freezer stocks generally adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, FOB Shipping point

(cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	46-50
WHITES	48-51
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-55

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged on yolks, unchanged to slightly higher on albumen and blends, and slightly higher on whole eggs when compared to a week earlier. Demand improved and was usually light to moderate with offerings sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment was generally full steady on whites and at least steady on balance of other items. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 30-Sep-2006 were 10% lower than the previous week, and 33% less than a year ago. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced was 2% lower when compared to a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	1.32-1.55	MOSTLY 1.40-1.50
YOLKS	1.10-1.55	MOSTLY 1.13-1.20
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.97-3.35	MOSTLY 3.00-3.14
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.15-1.35	MOSTLY 1.20-1.25

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES								WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ)								NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 29, 2006-SEPT 05, 2006							
CURRENT LOADS				113.00		FUTURE LOADS				62.00		TOTAL LOADS		175.00									
SE		NE		MW						SC		NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	36.50	—	36.63	38.50	—	—	8.00	GNR W 1	52.00	56.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GNR BR 1	—	69.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W J	48.08	54.00	—	—	—	56.00	3.25								
GL W J	—	—	53.25	54.75	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	39.67	46.16	—	51.50	—	50.17	23.50								
GL W XL	48.17	51.83	48.50	48.77	38.00	38.00	38.00	GL W LG	36.88	47.00	—	—	—	44.22	30.00								
GL W LG	—	—	45.00	46.20	34.55	38.00	30.75	GL W MD	33.83	—	—	—	—	39.75	8.75								
GL W MD	45.00	—	40.75	43.00	29.00	47.00	11.50	GL BR XL	73.00	75.00	—	—	—	84.00	2.50								
GL W SM	24.75	27.75	23.80	26.50	—	25.50	8.00	GL BR LG	73.00	—	—	—	—	84.00	.75								
GL BR XL	—	—	77.00	—	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 48	—	26.50	—	—	—	—	22.00								
GL BR LG	—	—	87.00	78.00	—	—	3.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	29.00	30.50	—	—	.50																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	29.00	29.31	51.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	26.25	33.82	30.00	—	8.25																
NRBS - 39	—	—	23.10	25.00	—	—	2.50																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to moderate, best into rendering operations. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady. **RANGE** **MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST 5-12 9-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Spent light fowl are fully adequate for a slow demand. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage costs were about steady. **RANGE** **MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Mostly prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fairly good with offerings adequate to instances fully adequate. Processing schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady. **RANGE** **MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST 3.5-11 6-9

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked moderate slaughter schedules. Offerings slightly reduced but adequate for current needs.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	61.50	60.00	52.00
SOUTHEAST	59.50	57.50	51.00
MIDWEST	54.50	52.50	47.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	62.50	58.50	53.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	59.63	57.14	51.11

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading on heavy canners was too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was mostly than fair. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-28 MAJORITY 23-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 30-Sept-06

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	1,173	1,501	2,674
Last Week	1,054	1,384	2,438
Same week yr ago	1,250	1,132	2,382
To-date/2006	42,791	57,674	100,465
To-date/2005	57,272	55,149	112,421

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	185	4	189
Last Week	94	0	94
Same week yr ago	218	0	218
To-date/2006	6,140	27	6,167
To-date/2005	10,358	40	10,398

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	1,358	1,505	2,863
Last Week	1,148	1,384	2,532
Same week yr ago	1,468	1,132	2,600
To-date/2006	48,931	57,701	106,632
To-date/2005	67,630	55,189	122,819

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-**U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending September 23, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	491	251	7,572	13,318
Frozen	0	17	172	59
Dried	40	0	490	489
Total	531	268	8,234	13,866

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending September 23, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	54	152	2,871	5,250
Frozen	100	3	866	562
Dried	0	0	66	371
Total	154	155	3,803	6,183

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending September 23, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Jumbo	0	0	150	146
Extra Large	2,790	3,850	67,671	172,838
Large	5,420	4,640	128,526	293,687
Medium	1,080	2,431	67,662	94,793
Ungraded	16,560	20,220	107,618	133,960
Misc	780	0	6,975	8,053
Total	26,630	31,141	378,602	703,477

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section
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COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 30-SEP-2006	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	203.4	1	-6
East North Central	627.2	3	2
West North Central	286.7	4	5
South Atlantic	188.2	-2	0
South Central	59.9	4	7
West	200.6	12	3
Total	1566.0	3	2
Matched Plants reporting		83	83

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 30-SEP-2006	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
Selected Consuming Centers	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	28.6	25.9	10	21
Boston	3.3	3.1	6	3
Chicago	31.1	78.5	-60	-66
Detroit	15.3	15.4	-1	-1
Kansas City	2.7	3.4	-21	29
Los Angeles	92.6	107.4	-14	-18
New Orleans	5.5	5.8	-5	20
New York	27.3	27.1	1	-11
St. Louis	16.7	15.0	11	2
San Francisco	17.4	16.9	3	2
Total	240.5	298.5	-19	-24
4 Week Moving Avg.	287.5			

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks)
(IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	10/02/06	3,290	103,507	66,894
AM	09/01/06	3,241	106,259	71,254
CHG		49	-2752	-4360
PCT CHG		2%	-3%	-6%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of August 31, 2006 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on October 1, 2006 are:

FROZEN EGGS	22	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	498	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	671	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Oct 3, 2006

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	118	110	73	51
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	111-115	103-107	64-68	44-48
MOSTLY	113-114	105-106	66-67	46-47
RHODE ISLAND	117-121	109-113	72-76	50-54
MOSTLY	117	109	72	50
VERMONT	118	110	73-76	-
MOSTLY	-	-	73	-